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Sixty-fifth Anniversary

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

—HELD WITH—

Galilee Church, Amite County, Mississippi,

October 7th and 9th, A. D., 1871.

OFFICERS:

W. W. BOLLS, Moderator.
GEORGE F. WEBB, Clerk.
W. Z. LEA, Treasurer of the Association.
E. B. McLAIN, Treas. of Missionary and Benevolent Fund.

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GALILEE CHURCH, AMITE COUNTY, MISS.,
October 7th, 1871.

The Delegates to the Mississippi Baptist Association, met with the Galilee Church, in consequence of a report of Yellow Fever, being expected at Fort Adams, at the time of the meeting of this Body, and on motion of Brother George F. Webb, Elder T. J. Drane was called to act as Moderator *pro. tem.* for the purpose of permanent organization.

On motion, Brother George F. Webb, was requested to act as Clerk, *pro. tem.*

The Moderator appointed Elders Relyea and Nelson, reading clerks.

Brothers Moses Jackson and S. E. McDonald were appointed a financial committee.

Letters called for and read as per Statistical Table.

On motion the Delegates to the Association proceeded to the election of Officers, Elders Relyea and Nelson, acting as tellers, which resulted in the election of Elder W. W. Bolls, Moderator, George F. Webb, Clerk, and Brother W. Z. Lea, Treasurer.

On motion, Brother Z. Reeves was excused from further attendance on the Association as a Delegate.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

Elder Buffkin and Brothers E. B. McLain and S. T. Van Norman.

ON ABSTRACTS.

Brothers Moses Jackson, T. J. Everett and A. S. Germany.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Brothers W. Z. Lea, S. E. McDonald and W. H. Gunby.

ON NOMINATIONS.

Brothers Thos. E. McKnight, John H. Toler and W. S. Robinson.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Elder L. Scofield, and Brothers S. T. Van Norman and E. M. Tabor.

ON SUPPORT OF MINISTRY.

Brothers E. B. McLain, A. A. Boyd, V. N. Folks and W. H. Gunby.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Elders T. J. Drane, James Nelson, S. S. Relyea, and Brothers A. S. Germany, B. Chance and Elder L. Scofield.

ON OBITUARIES.

Brothers W. F. Cain, T. J. Everett and George F. Webb.

On motion, leave of absence was granted the Delegates from Mount Vernon and Mount Pleasant Churches.

On motion, Letters of Dismission were granted the following Churches, to unite with another Association: Boguechitto, Mars Hill, Mount Vernon, and Mount Pleasant.

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The committee on Preaching, reported as follows:

On Sabbath, Elder James Nelson, and Elder Scofield, in the order of their names.

On Monday, Elder James Nelson, on the subject of Ministerial Education, and Elder D. J. Parser, in the order of their names.

E. B. McLAIN, CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Brother M. Jackson, the report of committee on Preaching was adopted.

On motion, Elder Buffkin was excused from preaching a Missionary Sermon, and, that the Committee on Preaching make arrangement for same with some other Minister.

Ministering Brethren, from Sister Associations present, were invited to seats with us, and to participate in our deliberations.

A Petitionary Letter from Wall Street Baptist Church at Natchez, was received, for admission into this Association. On motion, a special committee was raised for the purpose of examining the Articles of Faith of said Church. On said committee, the Moderator appointed Elder Scofield, and Brothers Taber and McNulty.

The Committee appointed to examine the Articles of Faith of the Wall Street Baptist Church at Natchez, reported that the said Articles of Faith, are altogether satisfactory, and, on motion of Brother M. Jackson, the report was received and adopted, and committee discharged, and said Church received into the full fellowship of this Association, with Elder T. J. Drane as her Delegate.

Pearl River Association: Letter and Minutes received by hands of Brother W. F. Cain.

Bogue Chitto Association: Letter and Messenger, Brother W. F. Cain.

On motion, Elder James Nelson, was received as a Messenger from the Board of Ministerial Education, of the Baptist State Convention, and invited to a seat, and to participation in our deliberations.

The Moderator, appointed the following Messengers to Sister Associations, viz: To the Union Association, Brother W. S. Robinson, Elder W. W. Bolls, and Elder Buffkin, and Brother Buffkin to write. To the Strong River Association, Brother Z. Reeves and Brother W. M. McNulty, and Brother McNulty to write. To the Mississippi River Association, Elder Scofield, and Brothers Everett, and Geo. F. Webb, and Brother Scofield to write. To the Eastern Louisiana Association, Elder T. J. Drane and Brother H. C. Perkins, and Brother Drane to write. To the Pearl River Association, Brother T. J. Everett and Brother Z. Reeves, and Brother Everett to write. To Bogue Chitto Association, Elder W. W. Bolls and Elder T. J. Drane, and Brothers M. Jackson and Gatlin, and Brother Gatlin, to write. Brother V. N. Folks also appointed.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Delegates to the next Baptist State Convention, to be held at Meridian, on Thursday before the

1st Sabbath in June, 1872: Elders T. J. Drane, W. W. Bolls, L. Scofield, S. Buffkin, and Brothers W. M. McNulty, A. A. Boyd, T. J. Everett, A. S. Germany, L. G. Perkins, Wm. P. Smith, Moses Jackson, and George F. Webb.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING, *October 9th*, 1871.

The Association met, and opened with prayer.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings, were read and approved.

Rules of Decorum read by Brother M. Jackson.

On motion of Brother Buffkin, the same order of business was adopted, as at last meeting of this body, and is as follows:

1. Call the Roll.
2. Reading Rules of Decorum and powers of the Association.
3. Call for Reports.
4. Call for corresponding Letters.
5. Call for queries.
6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Appointments.
8. Adjournment.

Report from committee on Abstracts adopted. See Appendix A.

Report of committee on General Association reported. See Appendix B.

Committee on Temperance presented their report, which was adopted. See Appendix C.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as per Appendix D.

Committee on Ministerial Support, reported as per Appendix E.

Committee on Nominations reported. See Appendix F.

Committee on Ministerial Education, presented as their report the same as adopted by Pearl River Association. See Appendix G.

On motion, Elder James Nelson, was requested to address the Association on the subject of Ministerial Education. Elder Nelson, immediately complied with the request, by delivering an interesting and able address.

Elder D. J. Perser, Messenger from the Union Association, received, with letter, and was invited to seat with us.

The committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted, and committee discharged. See Appendix H.

The Letters to our Sister Associations were read and approved, as presented by our messengers.

Brother Perser was excused from preaching according to his appointment, by the committee.

The report of Brother J. A. Jenkins, late Treasurer of the Association was received and adopted, in his absence. See Appendix I.

The Moderater appointed the following as Delegates to a General Association to be composed of such of our Sister Associations as might be in favor of such an organization, viz: Elders W. W. Bolls, L. Scofield, T. J. Drane,

and Brothers Z. L. Everett, S. H. Thompson, W. Z. Lee, J. W. Beall, V. N. Folks, S. T. Van Norman and George F. Webb.

On motion, Summit, Pike County, Miss., was agreed upon as the place, and October 27th, 1871, the time, for organizing a General Association, and that Elder N. Robinson, be invited to preach the Introductory Sermon, and W. W. Bolls, to be his alternate.

On motion, Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in October, 1871, was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer.

The Executive Board of the Mississippi Baptist Association made their Annual Report which was received and adopted. See Appendix, I. J. and K.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That a Ministers and Deacons meeting be formed within the bounds of this Association, and that a time and place be now agreed upon for the organization of said meeting. The first meeting to be in Liberty, on Monday, the 16th inst.

Resolved, That we pay to Brother S. S. Relyea, Fifty Dollars, as a part of his remuneration for his five months of Missionary service in behalf of the General Association, out of Missionary funds.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That the grateful and prayerful remembrance of this body is due to the Brethren and friends of Gallatin Church, for their kind hospitality to us at this meeting.

Resolved, That the Mississippi Baptist Association, hereby express her sympathy, with the Foreign Missionary Board, in its earnest effort to support Brother Simmons of Miss., as a Missionary in China, and earnestly recommend every christian in our bounds to subscribe for the Home and Foreign Journal, the price being only fifty cents, (Jas. B. Taylor, Richmond, Va., Box 130,) to whom send subscriptions and donations to Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That a new publication entitled, "POPERY, THE FOE OF THE CHURCH," be recommended to the members of this Association. (V. N. Folks, Agent.)

Resolved, That in case of failure in the formation of a General Association, that we authorize our Board to co-operate with the Boards of the adjoining Associations in Missions.

Resolved, That this Association heartily co-operate with her Executive Board in their effort to sustain Missions.

The next meeting of this body shall be held with the New Providence Church.

Elder W. W. Bolls, to preach Introductory, and Elder L. Scofield, his alternate.

Elder Baffkin to preach Missionary Sermon, and Elder Drane, his alternate.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

W. W. BOLLS, MODERATOR.

GEORGE F. WEBB, *Clerk*.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Your Committee on Abstracts would make the following report:

The churches comprising the Mississippi Baptist Association, with few exceptions, were represented by letter and delegation, some of which, have enjoyed during the past associational year, peace and harmony among themselves; also refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. Very few Sabbath Schools reported and some of them in a languishing condition; also, some report prayer meetings in flourishing condition. Others, complain of coldness and a want of zeal.

Your Committee would further report that from the reading of the associational letters that there is a great and alarming want of ministerial labor within the bounds of the Association.

For further particulars, we refer you to our Statistical Table.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. JACKSON, CHAIRMAN.
A. S. GERMANY,
T. J. EVERETT,
Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Report on General Association:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of a General Association, beg leave to report, That as a large majority of the churches composing this Association have expressed themselves in favor of the formation of such an Association, and as the Pearl River Association, in accordance with the request of your Executive Board, has designated Friday before the Fifth Sabbath in October as the time, and Summit, Miss., as the place, for the holding of a convention of delegates, from the different Associations, with reference to the formation of the same: We therefore recommend the concurrence of this Association in the time and place designated by the Pearl River Association, and that ten delegates be appointed to sit in said convention, with instructions to join with the delegates of such associations as may receive like instructions in the formation of a General Association for Southern Mississippi and Eastern Louisiana; and further, that each church of this Association be requested to send one delegate with like instructions to sit in said Convention.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. BUFFKIN, CHAIRMAN.

APPENDIX C.

We, your Committee, appointed on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

WHEREAS, Several of our churches complain of the evil of intemperance among their membership, requiring the exercise of discipline, And whereas, aforesaid evil is evidently on the increase, hindering the success of the Gospel and ruining the souls of men; Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the mind of this Association, that our churches should adopt the most stringent measures for the suppression of the evil alluded to. That every case of drunkenness should be made a cause of gospel discipline and if persisted in, the party or parties thus offending, should be promptly excommunicated.

Resolved, further, That tippling or occasional dram drinking, especially at public bars or dram shops, is incompatible with the christian character, and a great hindrance to the cause of our Redeemer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Z. LEA, CHAIRMAN.

APPENDIX D.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report, that in a large portion of our Association the churches are not sufficiently alive to the interest of Sabbath Schools. We would recommend that every Church however large or small, should have strictly a denominational school, using the New Testament exclusively as the text book, and such question books as are best calculated to instill in the mind of the youths, the peculiarities of our beloved denomination. We would further recommend that in the churches where there are schools, and also where there are none, there be Bible classes organized, in which the churches are to take active parts and use every effort to bring in others who reside in their respective communities. We would recommend Kind Words, as a valuable Sunday School paper. We would recommend the organization of District Sunday School Conventions, auxiliary to the State Convention.

L. SCOFIELD, CHAIRMAN.

APPENDIX E.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, Many churches within the bounds of this Association are destitute of regular or even occasional preaching, in consequence of which their membership are being scattered, and some churches disbanded, And whereas, The destitution alluded to, is the cause of great sorrow of heart, to every lover of Zion, and a deprivation of the bread to hundreds of souls; And Whereas, There is a sufficient number of Gospel Ministers to supply the destitution within the bounds of our Association, who for the want of a support are forced to engage in other callings in order to procure food and raiment for themselves and families.

Therefore, Resolved, That if the Ministry failed to preach a whole Gospel to their congregations, they are responsible for aforesaid destitution with its dire consequences. But if the churches alluded to were instructed in their duties to the Ministry and failed to give their Pastor a competent support, God will hold them responsible for their delinquency at the great day of final accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. McLAIN, CHAIRMAN.

APPENDIX F.

Your Committee on Nominations would beg leave to submit the following report for Executive Committee:

Brother Moses Jackson, of Providence Church; Brother W. Z. Lea, of Liberty Church; Brothers E. B. McLain, and Stephen Jackson, of Galilee Church; Brother T. J. Everett, of East Fork Church; Brothers W. H. Gunby, and W. P. Smith, of Ebenezer Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. S. ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN.

APPENDIX G.

Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report, That they find an excellent report on this subject in the Minutes of the Pearl River Association and recommend its adoption by this Association. It is as follows:

That the time has fully come when Baptists owe it to their God, their denomination, their children and the world to educate their ministers. False teachers, like the locusts of Egypt, are darkening our land. The advance guard of these devouring multitudes are led on by ripe scholars, subtile logicians, men who with the utmost ease read the original Greek and Hebrew, and with almost equal ease pervert its sacred precepts and example, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. These false teachers must be met by scholars equally ripe, or truth must suffer in the hands of its friends. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Pastors and Churches of the Mississippi Association be hereby requested earnestly to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest and that we make diligent inquiry in our midst for the Lord's called.

Resolved, That if God should call from our midst uneducated men we urge upon them the necessity of acquiring a good education and recommend Mississippi College, our Baptist State Institution, located at Clinton, Mississippi, as a suitable place for the attainment of this end.

Resolved, That we heartily welcome to labor in our midst, as Providence may direct, our esteemed brother, Elder Jas. Nelson, Corresponding Secretary of the Ministerial Educational Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and that we advise our young brethren who desire an education to correspond with him at Clinton, Mississippi.

S. S. RELYEA,
Chairman of Committee.

APPENDIX H.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report of money received from the Churches, for Associational purposes:

New Providence Church,	$5,00
Ebenezer Church,	6,00
Zion Hill Church,	5,00
Mars Hill Church,	3,50
Hopewell Church, Franklin County,	5,00
East Fork Church,	6,00
Galilee Church,	5,00
Friendship Church, Pike County,	3,00
Liberty Church,	8,00
Mount Zion Church, Franklin County,	8,00
Mount Zion Church, Lincoln County,	5,00
Boguechitto Church,	5,00
Sarepta Church,	4,00
Union Church,	5,00
Mount Vernon Church,	3,50
Summit Church,	5,00
Percy's Creek Church,	2,00
Pioneer Church,	4,00
Fort Adams Church,	6,35
Rama Church,	3,00
Springhill Church,	1,00
Woodville Church,	5,00
Mount Pleasant Church,	2,00
	$105,40
Public Collection for Missionary purposes,	$65,55
	1,50
Total	$67,05

Respectfully submitted.

S. E McDONALD,
M. JACKSON,
Committee.

APPENDIX I.

James A. Jenkins, in account with the Mississippi Baptist Association:

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To amount on hand, last report,	$126,00
Your Treasurer prays an allowance for the following disbursements, to-wit:	
Paid Printer for Minutes, as per voucher, No. 1,	$82,50
To A. J. Everett, as per voucher, No. 2,	30,00
To Elder Z. Reeves, Messenger, 7 days, per voucher, No. 3,	14,00
Balance Due Treasurer, 50 cents.	$126,50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. JENKINS, TREASURER.

APPENDIX J.

Your Executive Board would beg leave to submit the following as their report for the year 1871:

We continued our Missionary Brother Bolls in his field of labor until the end of the year, whose report we have received for the last quarter ending the 1st January, 1871, with which we are perfectly satisfied. He reports 27 Sermons preached; Traveled 157 miles; distributed about $100 worth of Books; Baptized 10.

In December after the adjournment of the Association, we made an engagement, with Brother J. G. Kendall, who commenced the 1st of January and labored one month, with which we were satisfied. Brother Kendall felt that the Lord had opened another field of labor for him, tendered his resignation, which was received.

Your Board has been embarrassed for the want of funds to operate upon, consequently we plead this as our excuse for presenting such a meagre report to this body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES JACKSON, CHAIRMAN.

W. Z. LEA, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX K.

E. B. McLain's report as Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Mississippi Association:

Amounts received.

New Providence,	$10,00
Ebenezer,	24,05
Sarepta,	2,00
Summit,	36,25
Mount Pleasant,	1,50
Public collection from Hopewell,	16,00
Liberty,	12.00
W W. Bolls, collected,	75,00
Public collection from Galilee;	66,25
	$243,05

Disbursements.

Paid W. W. Bolls,	$123,65
Paid J. G. Kendall,	41,00
	$164,65
Balance on hand,	$78,40

E. B. McLAIN, TREASURER.

Obituary.

DIED—In Amite County, Mississippi, in the month of June, A. D., 1871, Elder ZACHARIAH REEVES, in the 77th year of his age.

Painful is this announcement, but it is true, Elder ZACHARIAH REEVES, is gone. After a long life of usefulness, he has passed away. He was born October 31st, 1799—in Richland District, South Carolina, moved to Amite County in 1810, remained a few months in that County, and then moved to the County of Pike, where he lived for many years. He was baptised by Elder Absalom Harper, in 1823, and then become a member of Friendship Baptist Church, in Pike County; and was licensed, ordained and set apart to the full work of the Ministry in the year 1832. He afterwards settled in Amite County, and remained there until his death. For near forty years, he was one of the leading Baptist Ministers in this Association, and for many years its Moderator. He has left a name and character behind him, of which his children, and community may well be proud. To say that he was not perfect, is simply to admit his humanity, for as near perfection was attained by him, as falls to the lot of man. He stood prominent among the Gospel Ministers of his day, and time, enjoying an unbroken religious afflatus. His early literary advantages were very limited, but his great native intellect, enabled him to tower above ordinary minds, highly cultivated, his study of the Scriptures, was commensurate with his Church membership, and his exposition of the teaching of the Bible, showed his profound knowledge of Gospel truth. He has left a large circle of children, and grandchildren, as well as numerous friends to mourn his loss. As a husband kind, and affectionate, as a father indulgent, as a christian zealous and pious, and as a Gospel Minister, he had few equals, and in all the relations of life, he discharged his duty with fidelity, and ability, and has gone to his reward in bright hope of a glorious immortality, the purity of whose life was an example for us all. His constancy of character, inspired unlimited confidence, and gave him an influence for good, long after he is gone. He was qualified for the great work God had given him to do, and he performed it according to His will, and has heard the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord, which eye, hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered, the heart of man to conceive."

W. F. CAIN,
T. J. EVERETT,
GEO. F. WEBB,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Delegates.	County.	Post Office.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Dism'd by letter	Whites	Blacks	Total	Ministers	Copies Minutes	Contributions	Days of meeting	Home missions
New Providence	Harrison Toler, Moses Jackson,	Amite	Liberty	2	1	2		2	9	58	24	82		40	$5	4	
Ebenezer	G W Perkins B Chance W P Smith W H Gunby	"	"	11	1				9	136	98	234		60	6	1 & 3	
East Fork	T J Everett, T E McKnight, and A Wilson,	"	"	14	5	13		3	5	135	16	151		50	6		
Zion Hill	John W. Beall,	"	"			3	1	1	12			120		40	5	2	
Galilee	E B McLain, S T Van Norman,					5			63	97	12	109		40	5	1	
Hopewell	D D Rollins, Clement Stewart,	Franklin	Meadville	6	1												
Mars Hill	J. A Burris,	Amite	Smithdale					1	6	60	14	74		20	5	1	$62,50
Friendship, Pike County,	J J Reeves, and Zacharian Reeves,	Pike	Summit	1	2	6			4			78		30	3,50	3	
Mount Pleasant	Thomas Reeves, and Samuel Young.	Lincoln	Bogue Chitto	2	2			1	5	43	3	46		25	3		
Liberty	L Scofield, G F Webb, W Z Lea, V N Folks,	Amite	Liberty	4	3		1	1	6	107	1	108		20	2	5	
Mount Zion, Franklin Co.,	C H Gammell, J M Cloy, C P Jones, W R Cain,	Franklin	Meadville	31	3	7		3	26	184	204	388	2	40	8	4	1,50
Mount Zion, Lincoln Co.,	John Deete, J. F. Thompson,	Lincoln	Brookhaven		5		1	4	2			226		50	8	1 & 3	12,00
Bogue Chitto	W. F. Cain,	Lincoln	Bogue Chitto	1	1	1			8	107	2	109	1	40	8	4	
Sarepta	J. Chapman, W. C. Barkston,	Franklin	Meadville	15	5	1		2	10	188	22	210		40	5	4	
Union	S. Buffkin, Wm. S. Robinson,	Franklin	Morgan's Fork		2	2			2	40		40		20	5	4	
Mount Vernon	James Eagle, James Albritton,	Lincoln	Bogue Chitto	3		1		3	4	81	15	96	1	30	4	2	2,00
Summit	Wm. McNulty, J. P. Gatlin,	Pike	Summit	8	3			1	5			63		30	5	2 & 4	
Percy's Creek	S. E. McDonald,	Wilkinson	Woodville	33	7	3			5			103	1	40	3,50	1	
Pioneer	E. M. Tabor, J. W. Smith,	"	"					1	4			31		12	5	1 & 3	
Fort Adams	No Delegation, Letter	Wilkinson	Fort Adams	1	2	3		2	1			41	1	40	2	2 & 4	
Spring Hill	No Delegation, Letter	Franklin	Knoxville	3	1		1		1			77		20	4	3	
Ramah	Wm. Buckles, and John Rushing,	Lincoln	Brookhaven							17		17		10	6,30		
Woodville	W. W. Bolle, A. S. Germany,	Wilkinson	Woodville	6	5		2	2	6			21		20	1		
Natchez	T. J. Drane, and B. Pendleton,	Adams	Natchez	10	3		1	1				42	1	30	3	3	
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